

U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest
Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor
500 North Mission Street
McCall, ID 83638

To Ms. Jackson:

In my opinion, Midas Gold has gone through the due diligence and then some to prove they are capable of both developing the Stibnite-Yellow Pine mining site and restoring the surrounding environment. I would like to see the U.S. Forest Service adopt Alternative 2 of their proposal and allow this project to move forward.

After gaining a reputation for the environmental problems that have been around for decades, the Stibnite-Yellow Pine region is in desperate need of revitalization. More than anyone, I was doubtful about letting another mining company in to the area, but actions speak louder than words and Midas Gold has taken every action possible to not only involve the local communities that will be most impacted by this project, but to update their plans for restoration to reflect the input and feedback community members provided.

If that wasn't enough, the company is literally putting their money where their mouth is by setting aside all the funds necessary to restore the site once they have finished operating the mine. Going off what the U.S. Forest Service's environmental impact statement says in chapter two, the financial assurance Midas is offering would provide the funding needed to let the Forest Service completely reclaim the site once it is closed for operations to return it to a "stable and acceptable condition."

I do not think there needs to be any big debate about this. The site is currently a mess and Midas Gold has set aside the money to completely restore it after they're done—while also making plans to begin restoring many of the site's worst problems during operations. Please adopt Alternative 2 without delay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Suzie R. Jenkins". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Suzie R. Jenkins